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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Greetings,

I write you to voice my disapproval of the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case. There are many reasons for my opinion, but the most pressing are quite simple. There is nothing in this proposed settlement that returns competition to the markets where Microsoft has illegally gained an unfair advantage.

To rectify the past illegal actions of Microsoft, a fair settlement should include these points.

1. Microsoft must freely and publically publish the complete source code for all software and firmware products it currently sells, and for all future products it offers during the next ten years. All software must include checksums of the resulting compiled images, and instructions on how to reproduce those images. This is the only way to allow third-party vendors to compete in areas where Microsoft has become the only player.

2. Microsoft must forever stop the practice of "free bundling" of its software (including operating systems) with PCs and other products. This practice hides the true cost of software from the consumer, and reduces the options available to consumers from retailers. This is especially true of the PC market. All Microsoft software add-ons to hardware purchases (including operating systems) must have a line item price that accurately reflects the prevailing retail price for Microsoft software. Also, Microsoft must charge the same to all of its customers, regardless of their purchase volume. Therefore, the consumer cost of a Microsoft product will be nearly the same regardless of when or where it is purchased.

I appreciate the opportunity to be heard in this important matter.

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